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Strategy Focus

As you read, **monitor** how well you understand what pigs can do. If you are not sure, reread or read ahead to **clarify**.



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Key Vocabulary

crumbs tiny pieces of bread, cake, cracker, or cookie

imitation a copy of something or someone else

noise any kind of sound

slurped ate or drank in a noisy way

spread to push and move apart

Word Teaser

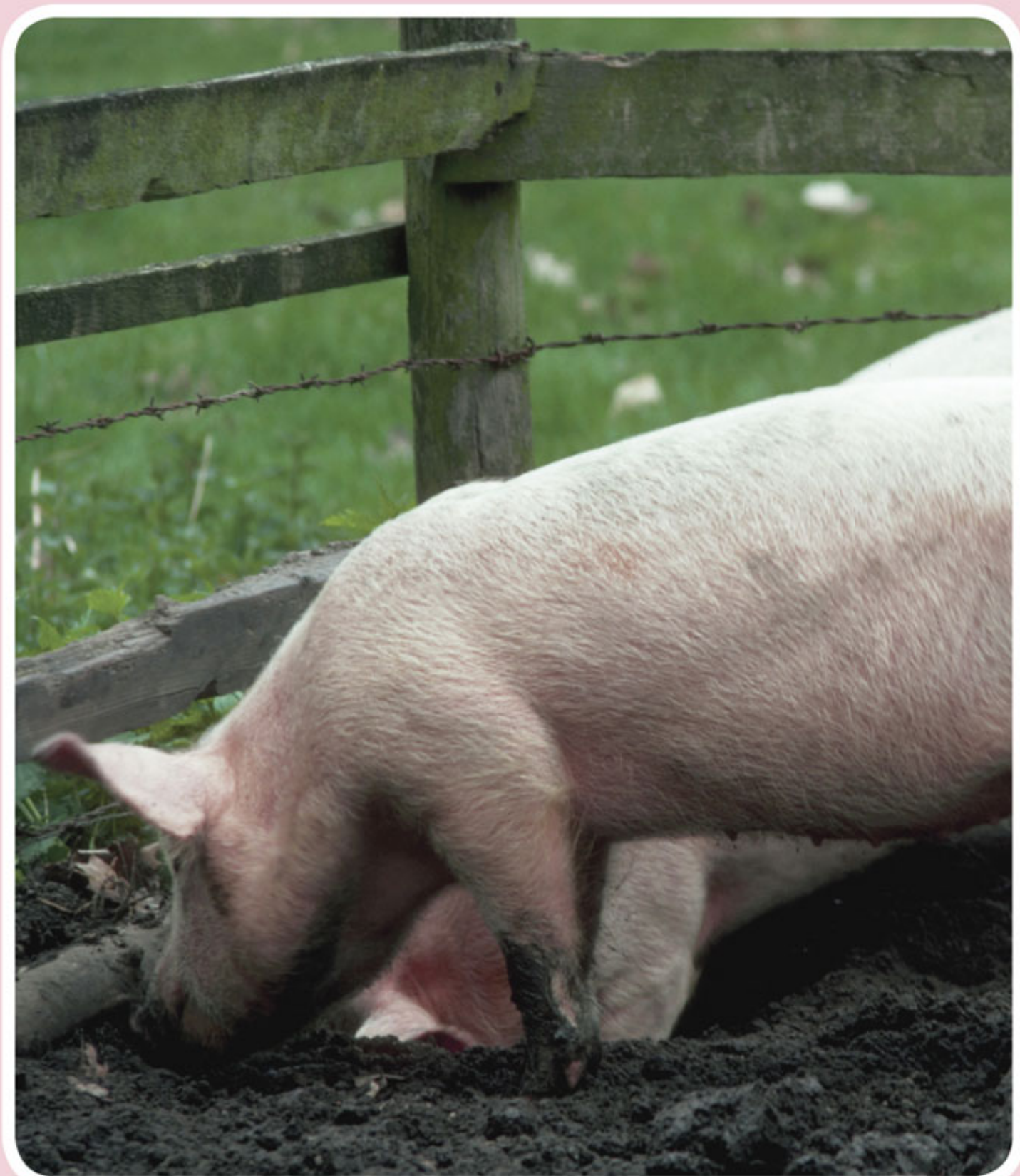
Put them back together and you might get a cake. What are they?



What can pigs do?



Pigs can live in a pen.



Pigs can spread mud around.



Pigs can eat a lot.



Pigs can eat all the crumbs.



This pig slurped all its food.

Grunt! Grunt!



Pigs can make a lot of **noise**.



Pigs are fun to see.



I can do an **imitation** of a pig!

Responding

Putting Words to Work

1. **Crumbs** are messy because _____.
2. What foods could be **slurped** by people?
3. If you aren't sure what the word **spread** means, what can you do?
4. Can a pig do an **imitation** of a person? Why?
5. **PARTNER ACTIVITY:** Think of a Key Vocabulary word in the book. Explain its meaning to your partner and give an example.

Answer to Word Teaser
crumbs

Word Builder

Pigs can make a lot of **noise**. Would a pig be a good pet? Make a chart. List reasons why a pig can be a good pet and not a good pet.

Good Pet	Not a Good Pet
stays outside	

Write About It

Would you like to have a pet pig? Use reasons from your chart to tell why or why not.

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